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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LUFKIN DIVISION

BRANDON GULLATTE §
VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 9:17-CV-18
JUAN TORRES §

ORDER ACCEPTING THE MAGISTRATE
JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Plaintiff Brandon Gullatte, a prisoner currently confined at the Allred Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Juan Torres.

The Court referred this matter to the Honorable Keith F. Giblin, United States Magistrate Judge, at Beaumont, Texas, for consideration pursuant to applicable laws and orders of this Court.

The Court entered a default judgment against the defendant with respect to liability, and directed the Magistrate Judge to conduct an evidentiary hearing with respect to damages. After conducting the hearing, the Magistrate Judge submitted a Report and Recommendation. The Magistrate Judge recommends awarding plaintiff \$20,000 in compensatory damages, \$50,000 in punitive damages, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the rates allowed by law.

The Court has received and considered the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge filed pursuant to such order, along with the record and pleadings. No objections to the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge were filed by the parties.

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O R D E R

Accordingly, the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Magistrate Judge are correct, and the report and recommendation of the Magistrate Judge (document no. 77) is **ACCEPTED**. A final judgment will be entered in accordance with the Magistrate Judge's recommendation.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** March 27, 2020.



Ron Clark, Senior District Judge